Legislation on urban properties ceiling

1136. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bring a legislation on urban properties ceiling, and

(b) if so, by when this legislation is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is already in operation in 64 urban agglomerations in various States. However, several suggestions have been received from time to time in regard to changes required in the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 to make it more effective. To amend the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is under the active consideration of the Government.

Inclusion of pulses under Public Distribution System

1137. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to include pulses under public distribution system; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The Government have advised States and U.Ts. to consider distributing of more items of mass consumption, including pulses. The Union Government, however, has no proposal to itself provide pulses for distribution through PDS.

(b) Representations have been received from time to time from various agencies requesting the Central Government to consider supply of more items through PDS.

Corruption in Central Warehousing Corporation

1138. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns which have been rented by the Central Warehousing Corporation so far and at what cost;

(b) whether any vigilance cases are pending against certain high officials of Central Warehousing Corporation on charges of corruption in this connection; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The Central Warehousing Corporation hired storage godowns from various parties and the total hired capacity as on 31-3-1990 was 17.68 lakh M.Ts. at 318 centres. Total godown rent paid by the Regional Offices of the Corporation during the year 1989-90 was Rs. 6.91 crores (Provisionally).

(b) and (c) As per records available with CWC, no vigilance case is pending against any of its high official on charges of corruption in connection with hiring of godowns.

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद के महानिदेशक के पद का भरा जाना

1139. श्री बलराम सिंह यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद के महानिदेशक डा० एम० एस० रंधावा का कार्यकाल 31 मार्च, 1990 को समाप्त हो गया था;